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"(c) The cost to the State Government on account of the deepening of the wells is Rs. 3,720-10-3.

"(d) There is no information with the Government on this point.

"(e) No cost has been incurred by this Government on account of the employment of the military contingent."

Lock-out in Bikkavole National Tobacco Company.

* 494 Q.—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received by the Government regarding illegal lockout by the Management, Bikkavole National Tobacco Company, recently during the pendency of an appeal before the Labour Appellate Tribunal; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken so far?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

"(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government."

House-sites for Harijans in Krishna district.

* 495 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of proposals, withdrawing the acquisition of house-sites submitted by the District Welfare Officer, Krishna, after the issue of instructions by Government to the District Welfare Officers to acquire only dry lands for house-sites for Harijans?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO : " Five cases of withdrawals from acquisition were proposed by the Collector of Krishna after the Government issued instructions to the Collectors that wet lands should not be acquired for house-sites except when it becomes absolutely necessary."

Harijans working as Public Prosecutors.

* 496 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state (with reference to the reply given to the starred question No. 39, dated 13th March 1953)—

(a) whether any reservation is made for the appointment of Public Prosecutors for Harijans in the State;

(b) the number of Harijans now working as Public Prosecutors in the State; and

(c) the total number of Public Prosecutors in the State?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

"(b) There is no Harijan now working as Public Prosecutor in the State.

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" (c) The total number of Public Prosecutors in the City and in the mufassal is as shown below :—

City	2
Districts	25 "

Shooting incident in Velagalapaya village in Kurnool district.

* 497 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the observations of the Sessions Judge, Kurnool, in the course of the judgment in the case relating to the shooting of three persons by the Malabar Special Police in Velagalapaya village in Kurnool district in July 1951 what action, if any, the Government have taken against the persons—

(*a*) who, it was stated, did not prosecute the accused for 16 days; and

(*b*) who, it was stated, worked to screen the accused and shield them from the normal course of law?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The observations of the Sessions Judge, Kurnool, regarding the conduct of the Police officials in the case referred to are under examination and steps are being taken to investigate and deal with the misconduct referred to."

Duties of the doctors in King Institute, Guindy.

* 498 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what work the doctors in Guindy King Institute do and what their hours of work are;

(*b*) whether they are allowed private practice;

(*c*) how many of them are specialists in bacteriology;

(*d*) how many of them are specialists in other fields; and

(*e*) what are the other fields?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The work of the Medical Officers in the King Institute, Guindy, is both on the diagnostic and the manufacturing side. The Vaccine Lymph Section works from 7-30 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. Other sections work from 10-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. with a lunch interval in the afternoon.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) The permanent Director, King Institute, Guindy, is the only Officer who has a specialist qualification in Bacteriology. One Assistant Director and two Assistant Surgeons hold the qualifications of D.P.H., D.T.M. and L.T.M., respectively which include a fair amount of bacteriological training also.